

Amendment No. 1 to SB0049

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 49*

House Bill No. 229

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. The general assembly recognizes the sensitivity of particular subjects that are best explained and discussed in the home. Human sexuality is a complex subject with societal, scientific, psychological, and historical implications; those implications are best understood by children with sufficient maturity to grasp their complexity.

SECTION 2. The state board of education, in consultation with the department of education, shall review the current curriculum standards for the teaching of sex education or for the teaching of other subjects in which the discussion of human sexuality may occur incidental to the subject. The purpose of the review shall be to determine if the general assembly's belief as expressed in Section 1 and the requirements of § 49-6-1005 and title 49, chapter 6, part 13 are being met. The state board of education shall report its findings and recommendations to the education committees of the senate and house of representatives by February 1, 2012.

SECTION 3. After completing its review under Section 2 of this act, the state board of education shall adopt as part of its curriculum frameworks and standards for sex education the following:

No public elementary or middle school shall provide any instruction or material that discusses sexual orientation other than heterosexuality.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.